

LEYTONSTONE'S CLASS DESTROYS MEDIOCRE WANDERERS

Lack of enthusiasm from drab Wycombe

Leytonstone 5, Wycombe Wanderers 0

WITH THE Amateur Cup standing proudly in the directors box Leytonstone produced a devastating display of open and inspired football which completely destroyed Wycombe Wanderers' suspect defence. Leytonstone's performance reached such a high peak in skill and technique that it overshadowed, to a certain extent, their cup final triumph at Wembley the previous week.

Wycombe were certainly in a sporting frame of mind. After applauding Leytonstone on to the field they more or less surrendered the points. Some of the Wanderers' players displayed a general lack of interest and enthusiasm in the proceedings.

With the tension of the Wembley final behind them Leytonstone sprayed passes around with pin-point accuracy and every intricate move nearly worked to perfection—but there should not have been five goals between the teams.

Some of Wanderers' work up front was lazy and haphazard. The forwards could not discover any understanding between each other and they were unable to keep possession with the result that the defence was always under pressure.

DUSTY SURFACE

On a dusty surface Leytonstone's approach work was a joy to watch. Their forwards were razor sharp and punished any mistake made by Vince Faulkner and his colleagues.

Leytonstone included nine of the team which won amateur football's most coveted prize and surely must have been surprised by the disappointing crowd for their first match as cup holders.

It took Leytonstone 21 minutes to break the ice when Harvey cheekily back-heeled into the net following a fine three-man move

between Harvey, Andrews and Stokes.

Wycombe were without Keith Samuels and Barry Baker, both 'flu victims, while Charlie Gale, just having recovered from a cold, looked very much out of touch.

Although Steve Holmes cracked a fierce drive against the woodwork, there was not much evidence of Wycombe threatening to score. Len Worley worked hard to try and inject some life to the front line but received precious little support.

Leytonstone's left-winger Brian Harvey was in tremendous form causing continual havoc and he completely deceived Maskell with a long range shot in the 32nd minute.

On the stroke of half-time the home forwards ripped open a huge hole in the Wycombe defence to notch number three. Diwell slipped a clever pass in front of Stokes and the inside-right, standing in for Great Britain forward Ken Gray, found the right hand corner with a superb volley.

HAT-TRICK

Four minutes after the resumption Stokes paved the way for Harvey to complete his hat-trick with a low shot. Maskell was being troubled by an injured knee which needed attention and restricted his goal-kicking.

In the 60th minute Leytonstone's leader Peter Diwell got into the scoring act. Again, it was a well-drilled move which created the opening but not one of the Wycombe defenders showed any anticipation in trying to cut out the danger.

Andrews centred and Stokes flicked over Faulkner to Diwell, who sent home a powerful half-volley past the stranded John Maskell.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell; I. Rundle, P. Eyres; S. Thompson, V. Faulkner, C. Gale; L. Worley, L. Merrick, V. Busby, A. Horseman, S. Holmes.